GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of arecanut produced in the country during the last three years, State- wise;

(b) whether the import policy of the Government affected the arecanut growers of the country;

(c) the details of the price of arecanut during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to declare floor price for arecanut, coconut and other horticulture produces;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes any relief to the arecanut growers of the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Arecanut production in the country during last three years is annexed (Annexure-I).

(b): Yes, Sir. To protect arecanut farmers Government of India has increased import duty of arecanut from 35% to 100% and also issued instructions to the customs officials to prevent the illegal entry of Arecanut into the country.

(c): The details of price of arecanut during last three years is annexed (Annexure-II).

(d) & (e): No floor price for arecanut, coconut and other horticulture produces declared by the Government. However the Govt. of India has announced the floor price for the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of milling copra and ball copra at Rs.3570/Qtl. and Rs. 3820/Qtl. for the season 2005.

(f): Yes, Sir.

(g): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Macro- Management in Agriculture- Supplementation/Complementation of States` efforts through work Plan` towards promotion of various developmental program for horticulture crops. Viz.

- Establishment of new nurseries;
- Installation of pumpset, tubewell etc. and irrigation units.
- Supply of inputs & machineries.
- Integrated Pest & Disease management etc.

To protect farmers from distress sale of arecanut during peak arrival period when prices tend to fall below economic level a `Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is being implemented for procurement of horticulture produce including arecanut on the request of State/UT Governments. The state Government shall bear 50% of the cost with the conditions that either there there should be at least 10% increase in production of 10% decrease in the ruling rates over the previous normal year.

ANNEXURE-I

STATE-WISE PRODUCTION OF ARECANUT DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

STATE	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03

Andhra Pradesh 0.7 0.4 0.4
Assam 68.3 69.7 51.6
Goa 2.5 2.5 2.5
Karnataka 162.8 181.5 192.8
Kerala 84.5 86.8 92.0
Maharashtra 4.4 5.6 4.0
Meghalaya 13.7 13.9 14.2
Mizoram 1.8 5.6 5.7
Tamil Nadu 12.7 14.2 5.3
Tripura 6.8 6.9 6.9
West Bengal 13.7 14.9 16.6
A & Nicobar Islands 7.2 7.3 7.4
Pondichery 0.1 0.1 0.1
All India 379.2 409.4 400.8

Source : Directorate of Economics & Statistics, New Delhi.

Annexure-II

MONTH END WHOLE SALE PRICES OF ARECANUT

(RS.PER QUINTAL)

STATE/ VARIETY YEAR Jan. Feb. March. April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. AVG.
CENTRE

KERALA 2000 700 700 750 700 700 800 700 600 450 400 400 500 617
ALLE- RIPE 2001 500 500 500 500 800 600 450 400 350 250 250 250 446
PPEY (1000
NUTS)
2002 400 400 500 800 800 750 700 500 380 200 200 250 490
2003 350 400 400 400 750 600 500 400 400 300 250 250 417
2004 450 500 500 500 750 1000 900 900 400 400 400 400 592
2005 500 500

KARN- 2000 14900 14800 14369 15260 15600 15260 11009 11860 15900 16096 NA NA 14505
ATAKA

SHIMOGA BETTE 2001 13460 13469 14001 13600 13600 14069 13400 12700 12700 11490 9469 NA 12905
2002 8813 8399 7829 8599 8513 9899 11800 NA NA 7223 8599 8835 8851
2003 8899 8469 8669 9199 8899 8899 9399 8989 8899 8299 8299 8419 8778

SAGARA RED/ 2004 8299 8139 8299 8192 8999 8399 8111 9099 8400 8099 8099 8399 8378
ARECA 2005 8299 8099

2000 11932 10650 10560 10420 10202 9610 10410 8850 7880 6666 7938 5422 9212
MANGALORE 2001 5618 5622 5430 4852 5098 4964 4550 4398 4400 4178 5178 4818 4926

NEW 2002 4400 4218 4358 4678 5122 5050 4878 6018 5820 5550 4000 3758 4821
2003 4042 4250 4000 4578 6280 6818 7102 6970 6912 6510 6536 5618 5801
2004 6374 6238 6058 6032 6062 5840 5934 5958 6166 6718 6778 4658 6068
2005 6400 6526

ARECANUT

TAMIL
NADU 2000 19650 19550 19550 19730 19530 19530 18550 18550 19950 19950 19950 19950 19537

CHENNAI RASSI 2001 19950 19950 19950 19950 21000 21000 21500 21500 21500 22000 19000 19000 20525
2002 18000 16000 15000 15000 14000 15000 18000 19000 19000 19000 17500 17000 16875
2003 17000 16000 15500 15500 15500 14500 14000 14000 13000 13000 13000 12500 14458
2004 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 12000 13000 14000 14000 14000 14000 14000 12917
2005 14000 14000

W.B. 2000 16200 16200 15500 14200 14200 14000 14500 15000 13000 13000 12000 10800 14050
KOLKATA COCHIN 2001 10000 10000 9500 8800 7800 7500 7600 7200 6800 6500 6500 8800 8083
2002 8400 8500 8400 6600 7200 8000 7500 7000 7400 7200 7800 8000 7667
2003 7600 7500 7500 7500 8000 9500 9200 9200 9000 9000 9000 9000 8500
2004 9000 9200 9000 9200 9000 8800 8600 8200 8000 9000 8600 NA 8782
2005 14000 14000

2000 4500 4500 4400 4200 4200 4200 4400 4400 4600 4800 4600 4600 4450
DELHI 2001 10500 9700 8400 8400 8000 8000 8400 8000 9500 9000 9000 9500 8867
DELHI SUPERIOR 2002 9000 8750 9000 8500 8500 8500 9000 9500 9500 9300 9200 9200 8996
2003 9000 9500 9500 9250 9000 9500 9700 9200 9000 9250 9000 9000 9242
2004 8800 8700 8600 8400 8400 8500 8400 8400 8400 8500 8500 8500 8508
2005 8400 8400